GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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DEVELOPMENT OF SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accepted the recommendation of Dr. Ambedkar Birth CentenaryCelebration Committee during 1992 to earmark every year funds out of the Plan outlays at least proportionate to the SC/ST population for their overall development and to bring them on the mainstream of our national life;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the total national plan outlays during the Eighth (1992-97) and Ninth (1997-2002) Five Year Plans;

(d) the funds earmarked and spent for overall development of SCs and STs indicating schemes/programmes and results achieved; and

(e) if not, the reasons for non-implementation of the said decision of the national Committee?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) The National Committee for the Centenary Celebrations of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar hadrecommended for provision of fund for development of SCs and STs according to their populationpercentage in 1992. Under the strategy of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) introduced by the PlanningCommission in 1975 and Special Component Plan (SCP) in 1979, the State Governments/Union Territories have been advised to prepare and implement TSP and SCP by earmarking part of thePlan fund in proportion to the percentage of STs and SCs in the States/UTs respectively. TheCentral Ministries/Departments have also been requested to take similar action. Implementation of TSP and SCP by the State Government/UTs is monitored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and this Ministry respectively. Implementation of TSP and SCP by the Central Ministries are monitored by the Standing Tripartite Committee of the Planning Commission, the National Commission for SCs an STs, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and this Ministry.

(c) to (e) As per the figures given by Planning Commission, the total National Plan outlay during theEighth and Ninth Five Year Plans was Rs. 4,34,100 crores and Rs. 8,59,200 crores respectively.

During Eighth Five Year Plan, Rs. 1591.00 crores was provided and Rs. 1977.63 crores was spentfor scheme on welfare of Scheduled Tribes and Rs. 2322.30 cores was provided and Rs. 2909.37crores was spent on schemes for welfare of Scheduled Castes, which were additive in nature, bythe Ministry of Welfare. During Ninth Five Year Plan, Rs. 4,156.50 crores was provided and Rs. 2763.09 crores was spent during 1997-98 to 2000-2001 on welfare of SCs. Rs. 414.13 crores wasprovided for schemes other than Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-plan (TSP) and Grantunder Article 275(1) of the Constitution and Rs. 2,271 crores have been spent on the schemes during 1997-98 to 2000-2001 on Welfare of Scheduled Tribes by this Ministry and Ministry ofTribal Affairs. Details of amount spent on SC and ST welfare by the State/UT Governments andother central Ministries maintained by the State/UT Governments and will be collected and placed on the Table of the House.